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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 1130

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EAIR, LA, TH
SUBJECT: PROJECTED LAO-THAI AVIATION DISCUSSIONS

REF: (A) BANGKOK 729 (B) VIENTIANE 56 (C) BANGKOK 1027 (NOTAL)

1. THERE CONTINUE TO BE INDICATIONS THAT ACTION ON LAO-THAI AVIATION QUESTIONS MAY BE CLOSE AT HAND, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN AT THIS POINT IN THE PAST, AS WELL, WITHOUT FURTHER RESULTS. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL CONFIDED TO EMBOFF, JANUARY 13, THAT HIS MINISTRY HAS NOW RECEIVED LAO REQUEST TO RESUME FLIGHTS TO THAILAND. HE AND IATA SOURCE BOTH SAID RTG WANTS THAI DELEGATION'S VISIT TO VIENTIANE TO TAKE PLACE AT END OF JANUARY, BUT ARE AWAITING PDRL CONFIRMATION OF DATE. DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THAI AIRWAYS OFFICIALS, AND HEADED BY MFA UNDERSECRETARY WONG PHONNIKON (REF A). LATTER IS REPORTEDLY GOING ONLY BECAUSE THAI HOPE TO OPEN UP DISCUSSIONS TO MORE THAN AVIATION MATTERS.
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2. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY SOURCE INDICATED THAT THAI INTEND TO USE LAO REQUEST TO RESUME FLIGHTS AS LEVER ON WHICH TO OBTAIN LOWER OVERFLIGHT RATES FOR THAI AIRCRAFT.

3. ACCORDING TO IATA OFFICIAL, RTG HOPES TO FOLLOW UP LATE JANUARY VISIT TO VIENTIANE WITH ONE TO HANOI TWO

WEEKS LATER. PERHAPS IT IS THAI PERCEPTION OF WAY
THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE PROCEEDING WHICH HELPS ACCOUNT
FOR FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT'S OPTIMISM THAT DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS WILL BE EXCHANGED WITH VIETNAM IN THE NEAR
FUTURE, REPORTED REF C.
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